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SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: My point is not with regard to Telugu. But, as far as the composite nature of this State exists, there are two languages and Tamil is a language which a majority of the people speak. There is no doubt about it. But, as long as State is of a composite nature, is it not obligatory on the part of the officer concerned to pass the other language test also?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: Yes, Sir. That is why Telugu was the second language then. But now, it is not so.

(* 2894 Q.—Postponed to 29th November 1955.)

Bifurcation of Thathiengarpet Panchayat Board.

* 2895 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state-- 9-20 a.m.

(a) whether the villagers of Vadamalaipatty, Musiri taluk, Tiruchirappalli district, sent mahazars to the Government in December, 1954, requesting the Government to bifurcate the Thathiengarpet Panchayat Board and constitute a separate Panchayat for their village; and

(b) if so, whether the question of bifurcation was examined by the Government and if so, with what result?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI: (a) A petition, dated 17th March 1955 has been received by Government.

(b) The receipt of the report called for from the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards in the matter is awaited.

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: What are the main complaints made by the villagers of Vadamalaipatti to have bifurcation of the Thathiengarpet Panchayat Board and the constitution of a separate Panchayat for their village?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI: Their main complaints relate to the laying of roads, opening of a reading room and library and repairing of some dilapidated walls in the village. These things have already been done by the Government.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR: What is the policy of the Government with regard to the bifurcation of the Panchayat Boards?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI: The old policy is continued.

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Is it a fact that this is one of the several instances wherein there is a Panchayat comprising several villages and only one main village is benefited solely at the cost of the other villages?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI: There is no such thing.